Section 5. Basic Parts of a Computer

**Directions:** Use the Internet or the website: [www.gcflearnfree.org/computers/computerbasics](http://www.gcflearnfree.org/computers/computerbasics).

Label each part and write a short sentence about it.

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**Fill In the Blank**

*Use the lesson, “Basic Parts of a Computer” on* [*www.gcflearnfree.org/computers/computerbasics*](http://www.gcflearnfree.org/computers/computerbasics)

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is the metal and plastic box that contains the main \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the computer. It houses the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, central processing unit (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_), \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and more.

Computer cases come in different \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ case lies flat on a desk, and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ usually sits on top of it. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ case is tall and sits next to the monitor or on the floor. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the case usually has an on/off switch and one or more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer in complete sentences**

1. What component located inside the computer case allows the monitor to display images and text on the screen?

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1. What can you use to protect your computer from voltage spikes?

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1. How is an optical mouse different from a mechanical mouse?

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1. What is a touchpad?

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